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Weekly Test Lesson 12

Read the passage. Then answer the questions.

Amazing Instruments from Around the World

Have you ever heard of a sitar? What about a gong? How about a didgeridoo? Can you guess what they are?

They are all objects that make music! We call these musical instruments. These instruments are from all around the world. What do they look like? What do they sound like? Read on to learn about these amazing instruments.

A Cool Instrument

The sitar is a cool stringed instrument from India. It has a long neck, and the strings are made of metal. It has a large pear-shaped body. You play it by plucking the strings with your right fingers. At the same time, your left fingers push on other parts of the sitar. This is no piece of cake! You have to be very good with both hands to play this cool instrument. The sitar has a high, springy sound.



Sitar

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Reading**The World's Oldest Wind Instrument**

Native Australians have been playing the didgeridoo for thousands of years. After you hear its amazing sound, you will want to visit the Land Down Under. It makes a deep, low sound that can put you in a trance. Some people believe it heals you if you are sick. It is made out of a hollow tree branch. You play it by buzzing your lips into the tube.

The Pay-Attention Instrument

If you lived in early China and heard a low rumble, you would listen. People banged gongs when they had something important to say. A gong is a round piece of stone or metal. You hit it with a soft mallet. It makes a grand sound! Today, gongs are used in music all over the world.

**Gong**

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1 Read the sentences from the passage.

You play it by plucking the strings with your right fingers. At the same time, your left fingers push on other parts of the sitar. This is no piece of cake! You have to be very good with both hands to play this cool instrument.

Why does the author use the phrase no piece of cake?

- Ⓐ to show that it is not easy to play the sitar
- Ⓑ to explain that playing the sitar can be messy
- Ⓒ to show that people do not enjoy playing the sitar
- Ⓓ to explain that the sitar makes a strange sound when people play it

2 Which details about the sitar are facts? Which details are the author's opinion? Support your answer with details from the passage.

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- 3 What can be found under the heading “The World’s Oldest Wind Instrument”?
- Ⓐ details about sitars
 - Ⓑ details about gongs
 - Ⓒ details about didgeridoos
 - Ⓓ details about drums and mallets
- 4 Mark the boxes to show which details about the didgeridoo are facts and which are opinions.

| | Fact | Opinion |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| It makes a deep, low sound. | | |
| You play it by buzzing your lips into a tube. | | |
| Listening to it will make you want to visit Australia. | | |
| Native Australians have played it for thousands of years. | | |

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- 5 Which sentence from the article shows the author’s opinion about gongs?
- Ⓐ People banged gongs when they had something important to say.
 - Ⓑ A gong is a round piece of stone or metal.
 - Ⓒ You hit it with a soft mallet.
 - Ⓓ It makes a grand sound!
- 6 What information does the reader learn from the picture of the gong that is not included in the passage?
- Ⓐ It shows what a mallet does.
 - Ⓑ It shows why a gong is played.
 - Ⓒ It shows what a mallet looks like.
 - Ⓓ It shows what the shape of a gong is.

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Writing

7 Read the sentences.

Practice every day. You will be ready for the game.

Which revision **best** combines these two sentences and makes them more interesting?

- Ⓐ Practice every day to get ready.
- Ⓑ Every day, practice will help you get ready.
- Ⓒ Practice every day, and you will be ready for the game.
- Ⓓ Practice hard every day, and you will be ready for the big game.

8 Read the sentences.

Gabe sings songs. His sister Ava dances.

Which revision **best** combines these two sentences and makes them more interesting?

- Ⓐ Gabe and Ava love to sing and dance.
- Ⓑ Gabe sings songs, but his sister Ava dances.
- Ⓒ Gabe sings songs, and his sister Ava dances.
- Ⓓ Gabe loves to sing songs, but his sister Ava loves to dance.

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Writing

- 9 Read the sentence. Underline the word that is spelled incorrectly.

Kai picked up the paint pail and put it on the gray trey.

- 10 Luke is writing an essay to give his opinion about swimming. Read his draft and complete the task that follows.

I like to swim. Swimming is fun. You can get exercise. You can swim outside. You can swim inside. Everyone should try swimming.

Revise Luke’s draft to include words to connect his opinions and reasons.
